

WILLIAM P. BOWHAY.

[To accompany Bill S. No. 373.]

APRIL 20, 1860.

Mr. TAPPAN, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

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The Committee of Claim, to whom was referred the Senate bill No. 373, "for the relief of William P. Bowhay," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report :

That the claimant was in the employment of the United States as a ship carpenter on board the United States ship "Congress," then lying at the navy yard in Washington, in the year 1816. While engaged in the discharge of his duty the scaffolding erected on the ship gave way, and the petitioner was precipitated into the hold of the vessel, and so severely injured that he has been a helpless cripple to the present time. He is now very old, and, as the committee in the Senate say, "a pitiable object, appealing strongly to sympathy." As the injury was received in the public service, and as the pittance allowed will render the old man comparatively comfortable for the few remaining years of his life, your committee report back the bill without amendment, and recommend its passage.

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